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"BACK TO THE ARMY AGAIN SERGEANTS!": VETERAN OF 65 WHO IS EAGER TO GO TO THE FRONT.



Sergeant-Major Ushar points out how bread should be made, while his old friend and colleague Cripps produces some appetising loaves which he has baked.



(4) Staff-Sergeant Cripps, aged sixty-five, enlisted 1872. (6) Sergeant-Major Hewitt, aged fifty-eight, enlisted 1877. (C) Sergeant-Major Ushar, aged fifty-five, enlisted 1878.

"Your King and Country Need You" is emblazoned on every hoarding, but many young men who are fit and well pass by the posters, preferring to remain deaf to the call. But not so these three splendid old sergeants, who insisted on re-enlisting. At

present they are doing good work by training Kitchener's men, but they hope to go to the front before the war is over. For if a man is only as old as he feels these three are still young.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

DOCTOR'S SEIZURE OF MEAT FOR TROOPS.

Messrs. Lyons Summoned Regarding Contract at White City.

12cwt. DESTROYED.

Three summonses, in respect of meat sup Three summoness, in respect of meat sup-plied by Messrs. Joseph Lyons and Co., Ltd., of Cadby Hall, for the use of troops in training at the White City, were heard yesterday at the West London Police Court before Mr. Fordham. The summoness were issued at the instance of Dr. J. B. Howell, medical officer of health for Hammersmith.

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Mr. Stewart Beavan, opening the case for the prosecution, said he was afraid the investigation of the charge must necessarily involve a somewhat searching inquiry as to the condition under which, on the date; Messrs. Lyons and Company were carrying out their obligation under a contract to feed the large body of troops quartered at the White City.

For some months past the White City had been such that the property of the contract at the feed of the large body of troops, some where like 12,000.

On October 17, 1914, arrangements were made with Messrs. Lyons for catering for the troops by a contract at the price of is. 3d, per head per day.

Early on December 3, continued Mr. Beavan, a man named Skinner, who was Messrs. Lyons head cook in charge of one of the kitchens, sent a soldher named Norris to the store to head the cook of the store to the store t

bad.

On the premises he met Mr. Gluckstein, one of the directors of Messrs. Lyons, who admitted that the meat was "sweated."

Dr. Howell then said he would seize the meat and have it condemned and Mr. Gluckstein agreed that it should be destroyed.

COUNSEL'S PROTEST.

The first witness was Rifleman Norris, who said that one of the officers began smoking as sood as the control of the control o

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

For England, S.E.—Changeable; some rain or sleet; fair at times; temperature moderately low.

PLEA OF EXTREME PIETY.

Germany's Measures Against Cardinal "Were Due to Christian Feelings."

FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE CITY.

ROME, Jan. 8.—The German Government has given the Vatican an explanation of its treatment of Cardinal Mercier, in which it is de-clared that there is absolutely no foundation for the assertion that he was ever arrested, or even confined to his own palace, or prevented from leaving it.

The communication adds that the German authorities simply addressed to Cardinal Mercler a most deferential request that he should abstain from any attitude which, by compromising the accomplishment of their duty, would ultimately involve a serious risk of harm to the population itself.

itself.

"In taking this action," the explanation proceeds, "the German authorities intended also to fulfil a Christian principle, which must be especially dear to ministers of the Church, namely, "avoid the shedding of blood," since having likely to lead, even indirectly, to Realter. Charles and the content of the cont

Reuter.

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The Roosendaal correspondent of the Tyd reports that the printer of Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter, M. Dessain, has been fined £25, with the alternative of fifty days' imprisonment.

ays imprisonment.

The correspondent declares that Cardinal Marcier will soon declare personally that in his own palace he was deprived of his personal freedom, that he was submitted to a kind of interrogation, that his palace was guarded by military, and that his is still forbidden to leave Malines.

Minutes of the interrogation were sent to erlin.—Reuter.



Viscount Ingestre, whose death from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, occurred yesterday. He was the eldest son of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

WHY COAL COSTS MORE.

War's Grip on Transport System-Carmen and Loaders at Front.

Why should the price of coal be raised another shilling a ton when there is an abundant supply in the country?

The property of the country?

An explanation was given to The Daily Mirror yesterday by a representative of a leading London coal merchant.

"The rise is entirely due to transport difficulties," he pointed out.

"The Gwernment having taken an enormous number of coal-carrying vessels for war purposes, and having also blocked the railways property of the coal way to the companion of the coal way that the coal way that the price of coal carrying vessels for war purposes, and having also blocked the railways much should be a supplementation of the coal way that the price of coal vesterday ranged from 26s. The price of coal yesterday ranged from 26s. to 32s. per ton.

MAN AT THE SALES.

Wife Buys One Article in Day and Husband Twenty in Hour.

LIGHTNING CUSTOMER.

With woman shopping at a sale is a plea sure; with man it is business.

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As it is human nature to linger over pleasure rather than business, woman is as slow as a snail at the sales, while man is as quick as greased lightning.

A representative of The Daily Mirror went out yesterday just after breakfast with a man friend who announced that he was going shopping at the sales.

The friend's wife was also going shopping, but she went alone and in her own way.

"Come slong, old chap," said the friend, "let's buz along in a taxical."

In the cab he murmured, "I'm going to spring a surprise on the wife. Just a little present—and I think she'll be pleased."

They reached the first shop and hurried inside. The young women behind the counters were inclined to yawn, and they were still uncertain as to how their hair was arranged.

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certain as to how their hair was arranged.

The male-customer pulled a newspaper out of his pooket, and pointing to an advertisement illustration of a set of true, said: "I want a set of these, please. Just like this—no others!"

The furs were produced and examined without delay.

"Of course, we've a set of another—" began the prefty saleswoman.

then over mind—these will do," and he paid for them.

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They were in the cab again. They were in another shop. They had bought a set of silver hair brushes.

As he left the shop the customer said over his shoulder that he did not want to look at tortoiseshell hair brushes. He had come for silver. He had got silver. He was satisfied.

And then there were things for the children and some things for the man himself.

Altogether he bought twenty articles and spent exactly an hour in purchasing them. He looked are also should be supported by the said of the said of

"Oh, my dear, I feel so tired. Absolutely worn out. I've been shopping all day, and will you believe there's only one little thing I've seen that I could really fancy."

Nevertheless, she had thoroughly enjoyed herself.

"MARQUIS'S" MARRIAGES.

Bigamy Charge as Result of Action by a Girl's Trustees.

Said to have posed as the Marquis de Lafaye, Raymond Frank de Lafaye Biard, who is alleged to have gone through a ceremony of marriage with Jehanne Home-Douglas, a ward in Chancery, while his wife was alive, was again remanded at Marylebone yesterday.

Mr. Harold Pearce, for the prosecution, said that on July 23, 1908, prisoner was married by special licence, according to the rites of the Church of England, at St. James's Church, in Jersey, to Eliza Mary Price, and gave his age as nineteen.

He lived with her for some time, and in 1913 he became acquainted with the family of Home-Douglas at Dinard. There were two daughters, the counger of whom was sixteen years of age. The principle of the prisoner went through a form of mariage at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, William 24, and the prisoner went through a form of mariage at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, William 24, and the prisoner went through a form of mariage at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, William 24, and the prisoner went through a form of mariage at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, William 24, and 1918 and 1918

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Mr. Freke Palmer, for the accused, stated that
he would call witnesses to say that the prisoner
understood his marriage was not a valid one, and
that he had told his parents so. Mr. Palmer
added that the prisoner had the right to the
title of marquis.

HOUSEWIFE CRITICS OF WAR BUDGETS.

Families' Struggles Against the Increase in Cost of Living.

SUNDAY "FEAST."

The remarkable war budget for British families of five-husband and wife and three children between the ages of about three to tenwho have to live on a weekly allowance of 35s. per week, which was drawn up for The Daily Mirror by Mr. C. Herman Senn, the well-known culinary expert, has aroused widespread in-

Any number of letters from interested house-vives have reached us, and, like other Chan-ellors of the Exchequer, Mr. Senn has many

cellors of the exchequer, At., tells, controller, and of certifies. One of the main contentions is that the prices quoted are local and not universal, quoted are local and not universal, at the content of the controller and the increased cost of living which has brought no commensurate increase in wages.

OATMEAL AND KIPPER PROBLEMS.

A reader from Edmonton questions whether it is possible to buy a pound and a half of meat for 7d., as quoted by Mr. Senn.

It will be remembered that the of catmeal It will be remembered that the of catmeal that the same reader states that these children would at three meals only have about a teaspoonful of catmeal each.

A reader from West Kensington also questions the meat prices, and considers 2s. 8d.d. as a baker's bill for a family of five does not allow for sufficient bread now that a 4lb. loaf costs 7d. This reader also questiogs the price of kippers, given as eight for 9d. She says they now cost 5d. a pair.

A reader from Hastings says that kippers and bloaters cannot be purchased there for less than 2d. each.

RENT ALLOWANCE.

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In Mr. Senn's budget the rent is given at 8s. a week, and several correspondents think that no family of five can be properly housed at such a rental except in the most extreme squalor.

A reader from Islington provides a remarkable little budget of his own. He has a wife and six little children, all under thirteen years of are.

of age.

His wages are only 15s. a week and his food,
so that for the best part of the week there is a
family of seven to consider. Some of the family
items of expenditure are:—

. 8.	. d.		8.	d.
Rent 5	9	Bread	0	61
Machine 1	6	Jam	0	-01
Flank of beef 1	9	Tea and sugar	0	6
Potatoes 0		Milk	0	1
Greens 0	2			

All this expenditure is laid out for the Sun day, and the family exists on the slend residue until the following Saturday, and the writer concludes:—"All of us are as well a can be expected."

"WHAT THEY DO NOT LIKE."

Another reader does not consider 4lb. of salt lank of beef a good staple dish for a fimily with shildren, because children do not like fat foods.

Inlidren, because children do not like lat foods. She thinks a meat pie or pudding with vegetables makes a far more nourshing meal.

Again, this housewife contends that half a shoulder of mutton would go farther than the 4lb, of flank of beef, while the bone would afterwards be of use in the stock pot.

Further, she contends that 14lb. of sugar would not be sufficient to sweeten tea, cocoa and puddings for this family of five's weekly meals.

Another objection is taken to the sheep's head item in Mr. Senn's family budget. This is proceed at 1s, and it is omtended that twopenny worth of bones and sixpenny worth of pieces would make as much soup and a far more substantial dinner.

One housewife sike for a detailed schedule how she can best Keep herself and six children on 21 a week. She has to pay £30 a year in reni and buy clothes and coal, etc.

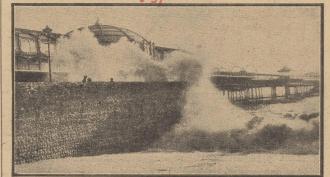
Another reader asks for a detailed schedule no how best to keep a family of six on 18a, a week. Coals in this readers's neighbourhood are 1s. 8d. per cwt. and bread 6dd. a quartern loaf.

TRENCH TRUCES FORBIDDEN.

ANSTREAM, Jan. 8.—The Taegliche Rundschau, in a long article, points out the danger
which lies in fraternisation between Germans
and French, and greetings such as re-recently
exchanged between the trenches.
"War is no sport," the journal says, "and we
are sorry to say that those who made these overtures or took part in them did not clearly understand the gravity of the situation."
These considerations did not escape the attention of the army authorities, and the newspaper
states with great satisfaction that an army order
issued on December 29 forbids for the future
similar fraternisation and any rapprochement
with the enemy in the trenches. All acts contrary to this order will be punished as high
treason.—Reuter.

INTERESTING ROMANCE.

The engagement is announced between Reginald Nicholson, of Hurley, Berks, son of the late William Norris Nicholson, and Natalie, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. Stark Pearson, of Great Barrington, Mass., and Coombe House, Kingston Hill, Surrey.



Rough seas are being experienced along the south coast, and the picture shows a big wave breaking over Brighton Pier.

ALLIES CAPTURE GERMAN REDOUBT AND TWO LINES OF TRENCHES

Enemy Now in Fear of British Landing on Belgian Coast.

BATTLE RAGING NEAR ST. GEORGES.

French Trenches Blown Up by Germans in the Argonne-Bayonet Battle.

GUNS MOUNTED ON SEASIDE TENNIS COURTS.

Another marked success by the Allies was officially reported last night.

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The announcement is made in the Paris communique that north of Soissons, about thirty-five miles from Rheims, and the centre of so much desperate fighting, the Allies carried a German redubt and in succession won two lines of trenches and reached a third line.

Three counter-attacks were delivered by the enemy, but all failed.

Knee-deep mud in the trenches is quite normal, but the troops fighting near Arras have recently been up to their shoulders in mud!

The French official report issued yesterday says that these much-tried troops had to evacuate their trenches without being attacked by the Germans. Naturally such trenches were untenable.

The communiqué shows that the Allies are advancing along the Belgian coast and are gradually approaching Ostend.

any approaching Ostend.

Between Lombaertzyde and Westende and near—St. Georges the battle still rages.

The Germans fear a landing of British troops to attack their coast positions. The commander at Knocke, indeed, has told his troops to expect it.

to expect it.

Guns have been placed on the dunes, and the
dyke at Knocke has four of them. The enemy
is "feverish" in his strengthening of defences, and his 42cm, guns adorn the tennis
court at Duynberghen

ALLIES MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS OSTEND.

How the Mud Drove Troops from Trenches While Germans Made No Attack.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The following communiqué was sued here this evening :— To the north of Soissons we have carried a German redoubt and captured two lines of trenches in succession and reached a third line.

line.
On three occasions the Germans returned to the offensive, but failed.
In the Argonne a very violent German attack near Haute Chevauchee obliged us at first to fall back along a front of about half a mile, but we delivered a counter-attack and reoccupied our positions.—Reuter.

ADVANCE FROM ST. GEORGES.

Parrs, Jan. 8.—This afternoon's French communiqué says:—

munique says:—
The enemy's artillery throughout yesterday displayed much activity in Belgium and in the region of Arras.
The French artillery replied with spirit and

Our infantry made some progress near Lom-

haertzyde.

Fifty yards in front of our trenches we carried
a hillock occupied by the enemy.

East of Saint Georges we gained some ground,
and we inflicted serious damage on the enemy's
trenches in the vicinity of Steenstradte.

In the sector of Arras in the wood of Herthonyal we were obliged, without being attacked, to
our men were up to their shoulders in mud.

ENEMY - SILENCED.

To the left of La Boisselle our line of trenches was carried forward and we occupied the road from La Boisselle to Aveluy.

In the valley of the Aisne the artillery duel has been fairly lively. Our heavy artillery obtained good results near Blanc Sablom.

The enemy's mine-throwers inflicted losses on us, but in the alternoon we silenced the German 6%.

us, but in the afternoon we silenced the German-fire.

In the sector of Rheims west of the Bois des Zouaves we blew up a blockhouse and eccupied a fresh trench 200 yards in advance of our lines. The infantry engagement between Betheny and Prunay was extremely stubborn. The Ger-mans left many dead on the field. Our losses were trifling.

Between Jonchery-sur-Suippe and Souain we silenced, after repeated attempts, the enemy's artillery, wrecked his trenches and destroyed his breastworks.

In the Argonne, west of Haute Chevauchee,

in the Argonne, west of Haute Chevauchee, the enemy blew up by means of mines our first

line of trenches, which were completely wrecked.

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A violent attack which the enemy immediately delivered was repulsed with the bayonet.
We made some prisoners and maintained our front, except for a distance of, eighty yards, where the wrecking of the trenches obliged us to the control of the control of the trenches of the property of the trenches of the property of the trenches of the property of

We then won some ground to the east of these trenches.
Further south we carried Burnhaupt le Haut. At the same time we advanced in the direction of Pont d'Aspach and of the Kahlberg. The ensemy's artillery, which had stempted with the control of the control of

BATTLE RAGING."

AMSTERDAY, Jan. 8.—The Telegraaf publishes the following from Sluis, dated January 7:—
"During the night of Wednesday heavy gunfiring was again audible from the Yser.
"Between Lombaertzyde and Westende and near St. Georges the battle continues to rage.

AWAITING THE BRITISH.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8.—The Nieuwe Rotter-damsche Courant learns from Sluis that reliable eye-witnesses state that the Germans are continuing with fewerish activity their defence works on the shores of the North Sea between Knocke and Heyst to a point very close to the Dutch frontier.

Knocke is-garisoned by some 1,500 German

Kuble is garrisoned by some 1,500 German troops.
So far four guns have been placed on the dyke behind the dunes.
The German military commander at Knocke had informed his men that a landing of British troops might be expected, and that then there would certainly be a severe battle along the shore between Knocke, Heyst, Zeebrugge and Blankenberghensende by about 3,000 troops.
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Guns have been placed, while a very strong battery dominates the shore from the dunes.
Duynberghen has been entirely evacuated by its population.
At numerous places windows have been taken out and machine-guns placed in the houses.

ouses.

All the machine guns are trained down the bad from Knocke to Heyst, along which all araffic is prohibited and effectually interrupted y barbed wire.—Reuter.

AUSTRIA'S NOTE TO ITALY

CHIASSO (Italian Frontier), Jan. 8.—The Milan newspaper Secolo is informed that Count Berch-told, the Austro-Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has sent to Baron Sonnino, the Italian Foreign Minister, a Note protesting against Italy's occupation of Valona, the Albanian port in the Adriatic. Baron Sonnino has replied in firm and ener-getic terms.

In September last Prince William of Wied had to flee from Albania, the Albanians having from the first resented the way in which their destinies had been decided by outsiders—that is to say, the Powers.

Since September the country has been in a most disturbed condition. Italy recently occupied Valona, to which Greece has also sent a battleship.

SABRED THE TURKS.

Further Details of Great Ottoman Rout-Trophies in Snow-Clad Heaps.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 8.—The following official communique from the Russian General Staff in the Caucassus was issued here to-day called a dispersed those elements of the Ottoman Army three dates of the Ottoman Army three dates

sevel at Constantinople.

We esized a large amount of war booly
We also took prisoners several dozen officers and
many soldiers. We buried over 1,500 bodies of the
enemy.

A regiment of Siberian Cossacks delivered a brilliant charge, sabred several companies and caplit is confirmed that the 9th Ottoman Corps,
30,000 strong, suffered a complete rout, having
been utterly destroyed near Sarykamyson, and
We seized the entire artillery of this corps.

Housand Askaris; that is to say, all that remained
of the corps.

Our energetic pursuit of the remains of the 10th Turkish Corps is ceaselessly adding to these trophies.—Reuter.

BOMBARDED BY RUSSIAN FLEET.

ROME, Jan. 8.—An official message from Constantinople states that the Russian Fleet has bombarded Sinope, sinking all the ships in nort.

port.
The Turks have shelled Russian troops at
Makriali.—Central News.
[Binope.—On the north coast of Asia Minor. Has
an arsenal and dockyard.]

AUSTRIANS ADMIT RETREAT.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8.—The official communiqué issued yesterday afternoon in Vienna says: In the Carpāthian forest districts and in the most southern and advanced positions consideration for the safety of our troops made it necessary for us to retreat towards the main passes before the numerical superiority of the hostile forces.—

THE PRINCE LEADS.

LETCHWORTH, Jan. 3.—The Prince of Wales, according to letters just received, led the Hertfordshire Territorials to the trenches on Boxing Day in a memorable march of twenty miles. The column, of 3,000, was headed by the Herts Regiment with the Prince at their head. Their fine marching abilities have earned them the name of "the Herts Grayhounds." The Herts Regiment relieved the Indians on New Year's Day.

BRITAIN'S REPLY TO U.S.

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POST FOR LORD METHUEN.

The King, it was announced last night, has approved the appointment of Field-Marshal Lord Methuen as Governor and Commander in Chief of Malta in succession to General Sir Leslie Rundle. The appointment is a temporary one.

HOW DASHING COSSACKS WHAT FOLLOWS IF THE RECRUITING DROPS?

Lord Haldane Says Britain Is Nowhere Near Compulsory Service.

SECRETS OF BIG GUNS.

Are you getting the men? Do you want more

Are you satisfied with the present methods? And, if not, what steps do you propose to take? If the supply of men fails, what do you pro-

These were the very plain questions put to the Government by Lord Curzon in the House of Lords last night.

The subject of recruiting was raised by Lord Middeton, a former Minister of War. Lord Lucas, on behalf of the Government, re-plied:—

"I am absolutely unable to state the num-bers of men recruited since the beginning of the war. Nothing that can be said in your Lordships House could draw the figures from

SCOTLAND'S LEAD.

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Viscount Midleton emphasised the necessity of relieving public anxiety in this matter.

To say indefinitely "We want men" did not give them much information.

After the first three months of war the numbers per 10,000 who had joined were, said Lord

In the Eastern districts of Scotland they had 237 per 10,000 population. That was the highest figure.

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Next came the counties of Warwick, Gloucester and Leicester with 196 per 10,000, then Lancashire with 178, the Home Counties 153, Yorkshire, Northumberland and Durham 185, Cheshire 135, the North of Ireland, with which was incorporated the maritime counties of Dublin, Kildare and Carlow, with 127.

Afterwards came the North of Scotland with ninety-three, the West of England with eighty, and, last of all, the South and West of Ireland with thirty-two.

"DUTY OF EVERY SUBJECT."

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An important statement on compulsory military service was made by Lord Haldane, who said that he had felt all along that it was the duty of this country to frame a naval and military organisation which was capable of expansion. He continued:

"So far we see no reason to anticipate a breakdown in the voluntary system." It is the duty of every subject of the realm peneighe. Compulson of the country and given a great national emergency, I can dute conceive a state of things in which it might be our duty to resort to it.

"In time of peace it would be a bad thing, and I do not think at this moment it would be a good thing.

"It has not yet become a necessity or anything like if real though the solve our propilem without recourse to it would be a time of national necessity."

"If him that the men we now get are better than the dead level we should obtain under a system of compulsory service."

BEITAIN'S BIG GUNS.

The Government, he added, would not adopt such a system without the very gravest consideration.

sideration. Referring to technical problems of the war, Lord Haldane said that in the few months before the war we and our Allies were left behind in respect of great guns. All that he could now say was that since they discovered the new 42c.c guns and the ideas embodied in them Great Britain had not been

emounter in their sections and a regardless of expense, by the most expert people in this country, to produce what should be a satisfactory equivalent for the new form of weapon that the enemy had put in the field.

SIR ROGER CASEMENT.

Lord Curzon asked whether Sir Roger Case-nent, who had been guilty of very disloyal practices in Germany, was still in receipt of his sension

practices in Germany, was still in receipt of his pension.

Lord Crewe, in reply, said that with regard to the question of recruiting they had to remember the question of recruiting they had to remember the control of the control o



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayorees gave a tea party yesterday to children whose fathers are at the front. The picture shows three of the little guests.—("Dally Mirror" photograph.)

HE WHO EXCUSES, ACCUSES.



Germany, finding herself condemned by the whole civilised world for her great time, is trying, with but poor success, to prove that she is blameless. This cartoon shows Russia and John Bull driving France and Belgium to their doom.

THE NEWSGIRL.



Girls are being employed at London bookstalls, as so many of the young men are with the colours.

MET IN THE TRENCHES.



Private Thomas Aspin and his son Thomas, of Blackburn, who recently met in the trenches in France.

BRIDGE THE GERMANS WISH THEY HAD NOT DESTROYED.



Early in the war Germany destroyed a large number of the bridges in Poland, but she has found this greatly to her disadvantage, as she now requires them for her own use. This fine bridge, spanning a wide river, was completely demolished, and in the picture Engineers are seen rebuilding it.

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THE UNPATRIOTIC PROFESSOR.

WE HEARD the other day a story of the campaigns in Poland, with a comical flavour in it, acceptable at a time when people at

It appears that a German Professor of Botany was amongst those involved in an Motany was amongst those involved in an unusually muddy conflict with the Russians in that land of pools and marshes. The Germans were scattered and the Professor found himself alone. Habit reasserted itself. A few hours later, he was seen blissfully botanising on the field of battle—bending, hatless and tattered, over a 'fittle marsh-plant yellow-green'' which he had not seen fill they

a "Ittle marsh-plant yellow-green which had not seen till then.

Here is a reversion to type that must have seemed ugly enough to the Prussian leaders of Germany's well-drilled professorial corps, whose main business it is, as we know, to discipline a race whom the world once considered as dreamy into a sufficiently fierce and frightful frame of mind for pre datory purposes. Education received late is said often to be skin-deep. No doubt the Professor mobilised in frightfulness well enough; but then the old man was, as it were, re-born over his Botany. What is to be done about this?

If one science can be so dangerous, others must be watched as well. Philosophy, it is true, can be skilfully adapted to the new needs. Since Fichte's time, it has been on the side of frightfulness, with an occasional unpatriotic touch of pacifism, as in Kant. And the physical sciences can generally receive a military application. Our War Lord and the Weasel (as the Crown Prince is, we note, popularly named in Italy) can gather the chemists about them and adapt the old revolutionary maxim—" The Republic has no need of savants"—and can say: "Gentlemen, our aim, and your aim, must be not knowledge but practice. Never mind what you know. What can you do? Make bombs? Ah, that is something worthy of our world-culture. Step forward. You shall be Most-Eminent-Lieutenant-Herr-Professor, at a high salary, at Bonn. But, mind, your discourse must be of bombs! Let us have no theoretical talk of the mystery of matter and of the qualities of star-dust."

Here War Lord turns to Weasel and consists.

ults. What can be done with a Botanist? How can Botanical truth be given a Prag-matist interpretation? Well, there are poisons and things in plants, but those good old Borgia ways of fighting the enemy are Perhaps on the whole this plantgrubber had better enlist.

grubber had better enlist.

So they dismiss him, and in his spectacles he takes to the Eastern frontier.

Then comes this disgusting news about his conduct in that quarter. Found Botanising!

We always said these Professors were a danger. The Weasel warned the War Lord that they wanted very careful watching and bringing into line; because, as anybody can see, the great danger about these sciences and arts and studies of a generalising sort is the fact that they have in their essence no national boundaries: they are plainly European and tend to reconcile and unite men in common human endeavour and disinterested longing. Now this will never do. Or it will only do, if it ever does, after the war, when the merely human shall for ever have become the predominantly German. And even then it won't do very well because plants and things like that are insufficiently national and these Professors will be apt to stray into foreign lands and we shall have them dependent upon China or Japan for their specimens. If they could be relied them dependent upon chima or Japan for their specimens. If they could be relied upon only to pluck German plants, it would be all right. But they can't. This tale of the Professor in Poland proves it. He actually kept and valued a Polish specimen. Let that be a warning. The War Lord and the Weasel are there to see that no such instance of anti-nationalism should occur in the Deutschtum again. W. M.

LOOKING THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

IDIOMATIC FRENCH.
YOUR correspondent "T. M., Surbiton" says "We shall never truly understand France until more of us know French."
I would add to that—we shall never learn French effectively till we learn it from a French newspaper. (For school use it would, of course, require bowdlerising: paragraphs of so-called "dramas"—i.e., murders—would have to be cut out. Or the advertisements only might be used for teaching purposes.)

E. B.

shoulders which means, "No good; I'll try someone else."

This conviction that a writing man is no good as a business man is a prejudice due to ignorance of the names and achievements of Mill, Lamb, Hawthorne, Clodd, Avebury and many others, whose work in the dual capacity of writers and buginess men will compare favourably with that of the best of those who are only good at business.

S. L. R.

BRITAIN AT WAR.

How the Young Generation Will Be Affected by the Struggle.

A NEW PLAN.

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I HAVE read with much interest the correspondence in your delightful paper on military training at public schools. It should like to draw the fact that during the state wars, not since the war has been oncoys have been trained during what used to be work hours; those not in the O.T.C. doing the usual work.

This plan has worked admirably, in that the boys prefer to take physical rather than mental exercise.

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exercise. Edgbaston.

Jan. 8.—The beautiful Christmas roses are now in full bloom, and some lovely bunches can be gathered.

To be successful with Christmas roses care must be taken to select a suitable site for them. Let the bed be in a half-shady place, and the soil must be of a moist, rich nature and deeply dug. Plant the roots in September or March.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Make it an invariable law to yourself never to mention your own mental diseases. When you talk of them it is plain that you want either praise or pity; for praise there is no room, and pity will do you no good.—Johnson.





The two Willies are very much annoyed about all the friendliness that prevailed in the trenches between British and Germans on Christmas Day. This will never do. The Prussian lesson of war-frightfulness must be enforced by the Willies upon the fraternising heads of the soldiers.—(By Mr. W. K. Haselden.)

fact, it is exactly because they are so " elever" and "able" in doing so much which other civilised men shrink from doing that we British folk do not admire them.

We can but hope that the wish so graciously expressed by this grateful young lady—who was so kindly realted will not wish to granteful and the Huswitch will be with t

THE MAN WHO WRITES.

Lord, how they shame the life we live, These Sailors of our sea-girt isle, Who cheerily take what Thou mayst give, And go down with a heavenward smile!

The men who sow their lives to yield A glorious crop in lives to be: Who turn to England's Harvest-field The unfruitful furrows-of the sea.

With such a breed of men so brave,
The Old Land has not had her day;
But long, her strength, with crested wave,
Shall ride the Seas, the proud old way.
—Gerald Massey.

HINDENBURG'S MEN STICK IN THE MUD.



General von Hindenburg, who is still vainly trying to batter his way to Warsaw, appears to have reckoned without Polish mud. The roads (some of the quagmires are scarcely worthy of the name) are in a terrible state

and the idol of Berlin is finding it impossible to move his artillery and food wagons. This is the kind of thing his transport men have to contend with. The roads have a thin coating of ice underneath which is liquid mud.

THE NEW PASTIME.



Woman taking aim at one of the shooting galleries which are proving a great attraction in Paris now.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN INSPECTS TROOPS.



The Queen of Holland inspecting her soldiers. Though at peace with all the world, Holland has had to mobilise her army in readiness to defend her neutrality should the need arise.

A NEW MUFF.



Afternoon toilette with something new in the way of muffs,
—(Creation, Redfern.)

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Paris, now that the first sho of all those pretty things we even

TIONS.

HORSE USES A TROOPER AS A PILLOW.



It is not unusual for a man to make a pillow of his horse, but it is very rarely that the horse turns the tables and makes a pillow of the man. This picture, taken at the front, shows a tired horse resting its head con-

tentedly on its master. The animal is just dropping off to sleep and, judging by the happy smile on its face, is well pleased with itself, and anticipates a comfortable night's rest.

MILITARY BODICE.



The influence of war. Bodice with quite a military cut.—
(Martial et Armand.)

esumed the making s heart. This is an

WILL HE GET THE IRON CROSS?



This small boy, attired in service uniform, is allowed to mount guard outside the Clown Prince's palace in Berlin. He has so far been overlooked during the distributions of Iron Crosses.

JEWISH RECRUITS.



Colonel de Lara Cohen, the chairman and military organiser of the Jewish Recruiting Committee.

BIGAMY CHARGE.



Raymond de Lafaye Biard, who is alleged to have gone through a ceremony of marriage with a ward in Chancery.

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By META SIMMINS.

SYLVIA CRAVEN, at the antique lace establishment of Mrs. Cunlific, in Sloane-street, is being pestered by Standard Street, in Sloane-street, is being pestered by Standard Street, in Stre

on earth.

As ahs turm away she catches sight of two letters on the table. One of them, she is surprised to see, is in Valerie's writing. As ahe reads ahe gets a terrible shock. For Valerie calmly writes to say that she was married that morning to Sir George Clair, and was married that morning to Sir George Clair, and was married that morning to Sir George Clair, and was married that morning to Sir George Clair, and was married that morning to Sir George Clair, and was married that the she was married to the same that the sam

Sylvia goes out to India, and passes herself off as Sylvia goes out or hates, and the decep-thillier believes her to be Valerie, and the decep-thillier believes her to be Valerie, and the decep-thillier believes the total form of the for-after all. They are married very quietly. The next thing Sylvia hears, to ber horror, is that Valerie has arrived, and is on her way to the bunga-law.

after all. They are married very quietly.

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about that!?

He laughed again at her poorly-coreealed look of fury.

"How intolerably witty you are. Try to understand what I tell you. There were two Craven girls—the elder named Valeric, the younger Sylvia. Hillier for several years before he went to India was engaged to Valerie..."

"And married her," said Henderson with a "By no means. On the contrary—he married Sylvia. Quite obviously he is under the impression that he is married to the elder sister. He calls her Valerie. But he is not. The woman who is his wife is Sylvia Craven."

"Are you quite sure of this?"

Even the pose of indifference had vanished from Henderson's manner. He sat bolt upright, staring at the woman with a startled expression.

"Absolutely certain. I knew Sylvia very well. She was in my employ—here in this shop—for

GREASING THEIR BOOTS.



The British soldier in France finds the grease from the axle-boxes of the railway carriages very good for his boots during the rainy weather.

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STANHOPE LANE, a "smart" man about town, whose sense of honour is very leastic.

SIR GEORGE CLAIR, a heavy, brutal type of man, with no aspirations of any kind.

SYLVIA CRAVEN, at the antique lace establishment of this very type of man, with no aspirations of any kind.

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THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP

India's Loyalty.

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Many months ago I was discussing with an old Anglo-Indian that ever fruitful subject, the future of India. He had known the country for nearly half a century, and his father had known it before him. He had a very shrewd idea of the Indian character, and one of the things he foretold for me has come to pass. "It wants a big war and real danger to test the Indian princes," he said, "and when that time comes I don't know any that will break, but I know some who will pour out their trea-

pour out their trea-sure to the last pice if needs be." And one of those he named was the Maharajah Scindia of Gwalior Huge Gifte.



Maharajah Scindla of Gwalor Christmas it was a convalescent home for troops in East Africa he had given; a few days before, a fleet of motor-vehicles; yesterday, a gigantic gift of cigarettes, sufficient to supply the Indian troops for three months.

A Warning to Traitors

The Maharajah Scindia is a Hindu prince who has ever been a keen supporter of the British rule. Some four or five years ago, I femember, he issued a strong proclamation of warning to his subjects, in which he said that anyone who sought to subvert the King-Emperor's Government was "a contemptible ingrate and traitor.

Dismounted at Full Gallop.

At a gymkhana at Hurlingham in the Córonation year he performed a really marvellous
feat of horsemanship. The ground was
rowded with spectators, and during a tentpegging contest the Maharajah lost control of
his horse, which bolted at full gallop for a
hurdle fence about forty yards away. Behind
the fence a crowd of sspectators was sitting,
and a ghastly accident seemed imminent. But
as the terrified animal neared the fence the
prince, regardless of the speed at which it was
travelling, dismounted and, throwing his full travelling, dismounted and, throwing his full weight upon the bridle, brought the horse up within 36in. of the hurdle. It was a thrilling moment, but a triumph of pluck and skill.

"Schwester Susie."

"Sichwester Susie." is driving everybody to emu-lation. After "Knitting Netty Knitting Knick-knacks," I have had a fearful effort all about "Fighting Flora" from a correspondent, and now Hermann Darewski, who helped to write the original "Sister Susie," has broken out into German. This is his version as the Huns would sing it. would sing it :-

Schwester Susie sitzt und fur Soldaten, Solch susse Sachen neht Sie von Flanel und Samt so roth so roth Soldaten sagen Freunde send die Hemden zu die Feinda Weil Sie sehem aus so schracklich und Sie beisen uns zu Todt.

In case you are too patriotic to read German in these days, it means that Sister Susie's making things for soldiers which the soldiers would prefer to be given to the enemy, because they are so "frightful," as the Kaiser would say. Or words to that effect.

Dockers at the Front.

The London dock labourer, who as a worker in his own line is beyond compare, is playing his little part in the affairs of war beyond the Channel. He went out in fairly large quantities quite early in the proceedings. At first, so an ordnance officer tells me, he was not quite used to the military methods of inducing work, and his labours were not performed with that expedition and capacity which have made him respected the world over. In fact, relations were getting somewhat strained.

Then, one day a remarkable change came over things. It was when the unfortunate Belgian refugees began to arrive at the French ports. The sad and heartbreaking scenes that the dockers saw so shocked and affected them that they set to work on their own without any coercion, and performed prodigies of unloading that no orders could ever have got out of them. To-day they are an important and worthy link in the great chain of organisation.

Just before the end of the year two French airmen went out on a reconnoiting trip and flew over the Yser. The Germans gave them new over the Yser. The Germans gave them a very warm reception, and only one of the Frenchmen got back home. He reported: "I just managed to get away. When I looked back I saw poor Senouque surrounded by bursting shells and above him were two Aviatiks in hot pursuit." Several days went by mean cambedly case the missing animan. by, and everybody gave the missing airman up for dead.

News from the Clouds.

On New Year's morning, however, a German Albatros came out of the clouds above the French lines. It was saluted by mitrailthe French lines. It was saluted by mitrail-leuses, but in reply only dropped a little packet to which was attached a tricolour pennant. An officer picked it up and read: "The Saxon airmen X and Y present their friendly greetings and best wishes for the new year to their French airmen comrades, and beg to inform them that the pilot Senouque and Lleutenant X are prisoners and being well treated by us." It will be noted that the chiyalrous airmen were Saxons, not Prussians.

The Inhuman Man.

A lucky friend of mine announced to me the other day that he was going off to the Riviera for a few weeks. In my jealousy I assured him he would never get there—and I almost hoped he wouldn't. It doesn't seem human for people to go away to the sunshine in these days—and brag about it.

You Can Still Go There

But apparently my friend reached the Azure Coast safely, and he sends me an account of his experiences on the journey, which, in view of the circumstances, are surprising in that he seems to have had no difficulties whatever. "Although the line runs for many miles almost parallel with and not very far away from the trenches," he writes, "one hardly knew it, and one's chief difficulty was in getting out of England and satisfying all the authorities at Victoria Station that one's papers were in order."

Didn't Mind the Wet.

Didn't Mind the Wet.

He seems to have had a terribly rough Channel crossing, the one bright spot of which, he says, was a "Tommy" going back from his leave who sat on deck all the way across, and, though soaked by spray and breaking waves, played "Tipperary" on a mouth organ from Folkestone to Boulogne.

Beyond Paris the journey is perfectly normal; to Paris the chief inconvenience is the lack of corridor trains. There was a restaurant car on the train and passengers were told that lunch would be ready at the first station. "When the train did stop," he writes, "we was a ready all on the library and the latest the latest than the la were nearly all on the line ready to bolt for the dining car—when we discovered we were on dining car—when we discovered we was a the line. The train was not in a station. However, when we did reach a station there was a grand race. A Frenchman finished first, a hospital nurse second, and I third."

Somewhere the Sun Is Shining.

After that he begins to talk about the end of the journey and the sunshine and all sorts of things that make me mighty envious to read. But although I cannot go there it is good to know that the sun still shines by Cap Martin and over the blue sea that ripples on the Riviera shore. In these days the Riviera we used to know seems so very far away.

The Careful Steward.

The careful Steward.

The scrupulous honesty of public authorities has amazed a correspondent whose child has just returned home after spending twelve weeks in hospital. A list of clothing, etc., belonging to the child, and "now in possession of this board," was forwarded to the parents. The second article named was—you would never guess it—"a piece of rag?"! It appears that, unwittingly, the child had taken a tiny odd piece of linen with her, and that it had been duly catalogued by the methodical steward.

"Stale News."

Among yesterday's contributions to the Prince of Wales's Fund, I hear, was the sum of 35s. sent by a Kensington boy, who wrote that it was "collected by writing up each week's war news and letting our friends read for the small fee of 4d." The name of the paper was called the Stale News, as it came out at the end of each week. "My sister and I also collected some more money by making ourselves generally useful," the youngster added.

What an "Eye-Witness" saw in Paris. Two midinettes entered a bar where tobacco is sold and ordered one cup of coffee, which they shared and paid for with a penny. Then, to the surprise of "Eye-Witness," they bought three halfpenny-worth of cigarettes. "What to the surprise of "Eye-witness," they bought three halfpenny-worth of cigarettes. "What shocking perversity!" he murmured. But he was wrong, for the girls dropped them into a box marked "Tobacco for our soldiers."

Grand Football Progress.

Yesterday marked one of the best of our football days. "We made progress all along the line," as the communiques put it. Yesterday brought in nineteen more footballs and enough money to buy many more. The total stands now at 869, and the 1,000 is very ap-

Thanks to the Music-Halls,

Yesterday was a music-hall day. Two of the most popular of our music-hall favourites sent most popular of our music-nair tavourites seur up splendid reinforcements. George Robey, who, we all know, is a fine footballer as well as a fine comedian, sent me ten, and Miss Florrie Forde, who is playing at Liverpool





Miss Florrie Forde

Mr. George Robey

this week sent me £7 17s. 9d., the proceeds of this week, sent me £7 17s. 9d., the proceeds of the sale of her postcards at the Sheffield Hippodrome, to be devoted to buying foot-balls for "Tommy." This sum will provide about twenty footballs, which will mean amusement for quite 1,000 men. To both these generous artists I offer, on behalf of "'Tommy' in the trenches," my very best thanks.

Her First English Show.

The first appearance of Florrie Ford in England was made under rather depressing circumstances. She had come over from Auscircumstances. She had come over from Australia and was practically unknown. Some-body got her a trial show at the London Pavilion. The place was very cold, the orchestra was very tired. There was only the manager for audience. He stopped her after the first verse and chorus. "What's the matter?" said the 'agent. "Nothing," said the management; "she's engaged."

An Indian Soldier Wants One

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Among yesterday's applications was one from an Indian soldier in hospital in this country. He writes, in excellent English:—

"Could you please send us a football? We are thirty-five in number, and belong to the 6th Poona Regiment, India." I am sending him a football to-day. Another of my letters yesterday was in acknowledgment of a ball from a Guardsman who says:—". we are at present in trenches only seventy yards from the Huns, so the ground is not quite long enough, and their goal-keeper has a machine gum?"

For All on Active Service.

For All on Active Service.

I think we shall soon have the 1,000 now, which is good news for Mr. Atkins. And here I should like to make it clear to him that these footballs are for all soldiers on active service, not only for men at the front, although they naturally are supplied first. So long as my readers continue so generously to supply footballs I can send one to any detachment that really needs one and will let me know.

Rather Rough.

Is it, playing the game? I read the other day that a new play, Mr. Owen Davis's melodrama, "Sinners," was produced for the first time at Sing Sing, the famous American prison, before an audience of 1,500 convicts. Of course, it may have been a splendid performance, for all I know—I have never seen it—but, again, it may not.

Not in the Sentence.

To inflict some plays I have seen upon a helpless audience of convicts would seem to me to sayour strongly of torture. After all, me to savour strongly of torture. After all, even a convict descrives some consideration. To have to sit through new plays without being able to protest—or leave—adds new terrors to the ordinary sentence which the "old lag" expects. THE RAMBLER.

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it is worth. I have no proof—no proof whatever. It is pure supposition straight through from start to finish. But it struck me that, if you care to play a dangerous game, you might—"Lady Hillier!" Mrs. Cunliffe repeated disdainfully. "Do you think I'm a born fool? Why, that little ass would run away, commit suicide or some wild folly the very moment she saw the red flag. No; when I strike I'll strike through the man."
There was such malies in her tone that Henderson shrank before it.
"You mean to ruit both their lives?" he said.
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and had no qualms or hesitations as to the mainner of bringing that cause to a triumphant.
He rose.

"When drove here to-day I told myself I was
"When doise thing," he said. "I did not
seed and thing," he said. "I did not
seed and I was letting myself in for something criminal as well as foolish. I tell you
straight, Rose, I refuse to be associated with you
in any such scheme as you suggest."
"I don't care," she said.
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"You have told
myself, but I shall not fail to quote the source
of my information. So that, as far as I am concerned, you will be in the scheme, in it up to
"But there will be no question of sharing
the profits. You will merely get the kicks. I
shall collect the halfpence."
She was in deadly earnest. He realised that.
The ball had been set rolling by his hyludicious
words. No power of his could cause it to cease
rolling. He shought of the empty future—a man
who had thrown away his chances going through
the back streets of the world with empty pockets.
Why should he hesitate now when a chance to
He hought of the selation of the
He broke into a bitter laugh.
"Oh, well, since you're determined on it...
what's the plan of campaign?"
"Sit down." She laid her hand on his arm.
"I've thought the whole matter out—it's perfectly simple. We must go to Hillier together;
you soon as possible. Don't worry. I'll coach
you in your part. Is it a bargain?"
Henderson nodded in a shamefaced way.

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There will be a dramatic instalment on Monday.

THE DISAPPEARING DELUGE.

The floods are slowly disappearing. For the first time for over a fortnight the Thames measurements at Chertsey yesterday showed a lowering during the night amounting to half an inch.
Right through the upper reaches of the Thames the water receded, there being an average fall of about two inches between nine o'clock yesterday morning and two o'clock in the afternoon.

The German ammunition works are, says a Reuter Amsterdam message, manufacturing some 3,000,000 of shrapnel monthly, and still their highest capacity of production has not been reached.

NEWS ITEMS.

Sentry Shoots & Gunner

Gunner Walters, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, was accidentally shot by a sentry at Dover yesterday and succumbed to his injuries.

If the Huns Go to Midlothian,

Lord Rosebery, as Lord-Lieutenant, yesterday issued instructions to Midlothlan inhabitants as to the precautionary measures to be taken in the event of a raid. Belgian Refugee's Tragic Death.

Alice Miko, the wife of a Brussels man, was found dead from gas poisoning yesterday in a dressing-room at Broomfield; Essex, where she was a refugee with her son and daughter.

How Inoculation Saved a General.

"I believe inoculation saved my life in South Africa," said Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd, pointing out the advantage of inoculation at an inspection of artillerymen at Bloomsbury yes-terday.

Mr. James Connor, of the Royal Navy Bar-racks, Chatham, who was a stoker on board the Formidable, informs the persons inquiring for Fleet Surgeon Taylor that he was the last to see him alive.

Call for Foreign Books.

The London Library, St. James's-square, would be glad of the loan or gift of French, German and Italian books, which are urgently required for refugees, prisoners of war and interned allens.

Dog as a Waistbelt.

At Folkestone yesterday Constance Shears, a Belgian refugee, who was summoned for at-tempting to smuggle a dog into the country, was stated, upon being searched at the harbour, to have had the dog round her waits as a belt.

The text of the Bill which Lord Parmoor has introduced into the House of Lords to amend the Delence of the Realm Act, 1914, and to restore to civilians their right to be tried in the ordinary criminal courts was published yes-

'CHASING AT HAYDOCK.

The opening stage of the Haydock meeting was favoured th delightful weather and a big crowd enjoyed some

with delightful weather and a big crown enjoyed some capital sport.

Lord Rosebery's smart young hurdler Politian had a very easy task to win the Warrington Handicap, which figured as the chief event of the day, and his stable com-panion Closhen completed a double event for Hartigan's stable by taking the Gerard Steepheniass. Stable by taking the Gerard Steepheniass. In the Company of the Stable Stable Stable Stable Stable Stable into the removal of his supension on Great Guns in the Ashton Hurdle, which was wen easily by the Newmarket-trained Angus.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

1. 0.—Earlstown Hurdle—SOME NIGHT.
1.30.—White Lodge Steeplechase—ANDY WHITE.
2. 0.—Station Hurdle—SCOTCH PLAIT.
2.30.—January Steeplechase—EBONETTE.
2.55.—St. Helen's Steeplechase—EVELAR.
5.20.—Maiden Hurdle—ELGON.

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HAYDOCK RACING RETURNS.

1.0.—Ashton Hurdle. 2m.—Angus (11-8, Lancaster), 1 Verney (8-1), 2; King Finch (3-1), 3. 14 ran. 3.30.—Makerfield 'Chase. -3m.—Hackler's Bey (9-4, M Smith), 1; Matt McGrath (evens), 2; Nemo (8-1), 3. 4 ran

The boxing match between Freddy Welsh and Kid Lew arranged for Monday in New York has been postponed. Harry Croxon and Gunner Durn are to meet in a fiftee rounds boxing contest at the West London Stadium to night.

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Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your chemist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup. "California Syrup of Figs," is sold by all leading chemists, is. 1jd, and is. 8d. per bottle—IAMCL.



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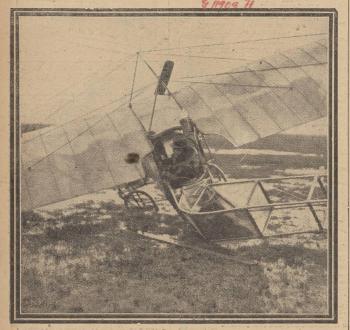
New diving apparatus which, it is claimed, will enable men to explore with ease depths as yet unknown. It is an American invention.

GERMAN SHELLS WHICH WERE MEANT TO TERRIFY.



The black patch of smoke is made by a "coal box," which is in the act of bursting. These "coal boxes" are the shells with which the Germans hoped to break the morale of the British troops. The Huns lacked insight into character, however, and never realised that "Tommy" would make fun of their weapons.

WINGED! AIRMAN BROUGHT TO EARTH.



An Allies' aeroplane brought down in the north of France. British and French airmen are doing splendid work at the front, and seldom come to grief, being most skilful in avoiding hostile shells and bullets.

ALGERIAN HERO BURIED IN PARIS.



Ali Bouchacha, the Algerian rifleman who died for the mother country (France), was buried in Paris. The coffin was borne by men of colour, and many of the dead man's comrades were present.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

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